THE HISTORY OF THE Birth, Life, Sufferings, and Death OF Our Blessed SAVIOUR Jesus Christ.

ALSO

His Resurrection, Ascension, Intercession at the Right Hand of His FATHER in Glory, and of his Comming again to

JUDGEMENT.

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His Great Love to Undone Sinners, the Dreadful State of the Wicked, and Blessedness of the Righteous.

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An HYMNE to the Lord *JESUS CHRIST*, the Saviour of the World, humbly dedicated by the Author.

1.

GReat Prince of Peace, *who from thy* (*Fathers Throne*
Wert pleaſed to deſcend, to ſave thine (*own,*
Whom thou before all Ages hadſt fore-known.

2.

And when the fulneſs of that time was come,
Did'ſt not abhor the Bleſſed Virgins Womb;
To ſave fall'n Man from his Eternal Doom.

3.

Thou did'ſt accept a mean Eſtate, that we
Might be inriched by thy Poverty:
And by thy Miſeries might happy be.

4.

To ſuffer Death, Lord thou didſt condeſcend,
Thou took'ſt the pain and ſhame, and to this end
Thou conquered'ſt Death, that it might be our (*Friend.*

5.

Death, which of old of Terrors was the King,
Now vanquiſhed by thee hath loſt its Sting;
And can no other than glad Tydings bring.

6.

Tydings of Joy, our Summons to the Duſt,
In a moſt firm Aſſurance that we muſt
Riſe when thou comm'ſt to glorifie the Juſt.

7.

The Trumpet's ſound ſhall then all Mortals raiſe,
Who on thy Splendor ſhall with wonder gaze:
And with loud Clamors eccho forth thy Praiſe.

8.

Then wilt thou ſit on Clouds enthron'd on high,
Shining with Glory, cloth'd with Majeſty.
Whil'ſt Earth and Hell in ſcorching Flames ſhall
(*ly.*

9.

Hard-hearted ſinners then for mercy ſhall
Intreat and beg in vain, and loudly call
For lofty Mountains on their Heads to fall.

10.

Whil'ſt on the other hand thy Choſen Sheep
An Everlaſting Jubilee ſhall keep.
And Endleſs Joys in thy bleſt Kingdom reap.

11.

There, fixed in a never-changing State,
Their pure and heavenly Joys ſhall ne'r abate:
And Time ſhall then for ever want a date.

12.

Thither, dear Lord, vouchſafe, us all to bring;
That 'mongſt the Quire of Angels we may ſing
Eternal Praiſe to thee our God and King.

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I.

THe God above abound in love
from all Eternity, *Eph.* 2. 4.
Unto all those whom he hath chose *Rom.* 8. 29.
to save from misery.

II.

His love was dear, it doth appear *Eph.* 1 4.
he chose them in his Son;
That they might be by him made free *John* 8. 38.
who were by sin undone.

III.

True Lord, we were all made by thee, *Gen.* 1. 26,
and form'd thy Image in: 27.
We did possess true Holiness, *Eccl.* 7. 29.
perfect without all sin.

IV.

But thou didst see, what we would be
from all Eternity;
That we would turn, and from thee run *Eccl.* 7. 29.
into all misery. *Hose.* 13. 9.

V.

*Pr.*8.22,23. Thou didſt therefore, long time before
1 Pet. 1.20. that we our being had,
Rev. 13.8. Set thy Son apart, that he might ſmart
Eph. 2.23. for us who were moſt bad.

VI.

This love was in thy heart, even when
from all Eternity
Rev. 17.8. Thou didſt deſign ſome to be thine,
Acts 13.48. To ſave eternally.

VII.

Joh. 17.6,9. Thou gaveſt them, even unto him,
Eph. 1.4 in whom thou didſt them chuſe;
Joh. 17.12. That he might have, them for to ſave,
Joh. 6.39. and none of them might loſe.

VIII.

Heb. 10.1,4. When Offerings, and all ſuch things,
could never take away
The ſins of thoſe, whom thou had'ſt choſe;
1 Pet. 2.25. when from thee gone aſtray.

IX.

Thou did'ſt prepare, for Chriſt moſt dear,
Heb. 10.5. a Body to come in;
Rom. 8. That he might be, like unto we,
who were all under ſin.

X.

Heb. 7.26. Though he was not, no not one jot,
1 Cor. 5.21. defil'd with ſin within;

But

But did appear, our guilt to bear, *Isa.* 53. 5, 6.
who were all full of sin.

XI.

O wonderment, to 'stonishment,
what mystery is this?
Our Lord and Saviour, who was the Father, *Rom.* 9. 5.
even of eternal bliss.

XII.

That he should be, yea, even that he, *Col.* 1. 15,
who was the Womans Maker; 16.
That he should e'r be made of her, *Gal.* 4. 4.
and yet was her Creator.

XIII.

He that abode, the mighty God, *Isa.* 9. 6.
became a little Child;
Yea, he was born, and was the scorn, *Heb.* 1. 3.
of those who were defil'd. 13. 8.

XIV.

His Birth was low, therefore we know,
but few did him esteem; *Luke* 2. 7.
But yet there were, that did appear, *Mat.* 2. 11.
and worship did to him.

XV.

This Child did grow, but few did know *Luke* 2. 40.
He was the Son of God; *John* 7. 5.
He under-went great punishment, *Mat.* 6. 3.
even by the wicked's rod. *John* 8. 59.

XVI.

Prov. 8. 23. He was anointed, and appointed,
Isa. 61. 1. of God his heavenly Father;
Heb. 3. 2. That he might be, 'teen God and we,
1 *Tim.* 2. 5. Eternal Mediator.

XVII.

Heb. 13. 8. Thus he abode, and unto God
Acts 10. 38. his Office did perform;
Luke 19. 10. He went about. sought sinners out,
Luke 24. 32. That he their hearts might warm.

XVIII.

And his kindness, and tenderness
unto poor men was great;
Mat. 8. 16. He dispossest the poor distrest,
and Devils did defeat.

XIX.

Luke 13. 16. When he such found, as were thus bound,
Mark 1. 25, 26. and fettered with Chains;
The Chains did break, the Dumb did speak,
Mat. 9. 33. he freed Men from all Pains.

XX.

He was so kind unto the blind,
John 9. 6, 7. he did restore their sight;
The Lame that lay along his way,
Mat. 11. 5. he put them in good plight.

XXI.

The Blind, the Sick, and Lunatick,
he healed each of them

Of

Of all Diſeaſe, he gave all eaſe, *Mark* 7. 35.
whoever came to him. 37.

XXII. *John* 11. 44.

The Deaf did hear, as did appear,
for he their hearing gave;
Some that were dead, he quickened,
and raiſed out o'th grave.

XXIII.

All this and more, for to the poor,
he did the Goſpel preach; *Mat.* 11. 5.
About he went, as he was ſent, *Mat.* 4. 23.
the way to Heaven to teach.

XXIV.

And then his Name and mighty Fame *Mat.* 4. 24.
began to ſpread abroad, *Mat.* 9. 31,
And many men were taken then 33.
with this our deareſt Lord. *John.* 6. 15.
7. 46.

XXV.

Many there were, that thought it clear,
he was the Son of God; *John* 12. 42,
But dur'ſt not this of him confeſs, 43.
they fear'd the wickeds rod.

XXVI.

But ſome the while did him revile,
and ſpake moſt dreadful evil;
And thought it well, thus to rebel,
and ſay he had a Devil.

XXVII. What

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What ſad abuſe, from the profuſe,
did this Lord meet withal;
John 6.66, 68. How few were there, that did appear
to ſpeak one word at all.

XXVIII.

On his behalf; no not one half,
of all that did him hear:
That were ſo ſtout to ſtand it out,
his innocence to clear.

XXIX.

But he did not, retort one jot,
1 *Pet.* 2. 22, 23, 24. nor Men revile again;
But patiently, he paſt it by,
went on his work amain.

XXX.

Pſalm. 40.8. 'Twas his delight, both day and night,
Luke 6.12, 13. to do his Fathers will;
John 4.34. And what was this, but Men to bliſs,
and ſave them out of Hell.

XXXI.

This Son of God, did do much good,
John 10. 12. 8. 44. but was rewarded evil,
Men him abus'd, falſly accus'd,
and acted like the Devil.

XXXII.

John 7. 45, 46. But none of thoſe, that were his foes,
could over him have power;

By

By mens commands, to lay their hands, *Mat.26.55.*
till his accompliſh'd hour.

XXXIII.

Then one of twelve, he prov'd a Wolve, *Mat.8.14,*
did not his place abide; *15.*
He went and told, and *Jeſus* ſold, *Act. 1. 25.*
and to his foes was guid.

XXXIV.

Yea, one of them, that were with him,
went and did him betray; *Mat.26.48.*
He did them ſhew, and told them how,
on him their hands to lay.

XXXV.

Then came the hour, yea, and the power.
the pangs of Death and Hell;
Oh! who does know, ſo as to ſhow, *Luke 2. 55.*
who can his ſorrows tell? *Mat.26.37.*

XXXVI.

The ſins of thoſe, whom God had choſe, *Iſa.53.6.*
who were choſen in him; *2 Cor.5.21.*
Were laid upon this only Son,
He bore the ſins of them.

XXXVII.

And it was they, that made him pray,
they were of ſuch a weight; *Mat.26.39.*
They made him cry, and ſend on high, *Heb.5.7.*
he was in ſuch a ſtrait.

XXXVIII. What

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What drops of blood, this Son of God,
did ſweat upon the ground;
Luk. 22.44. And all that he, might ſet ſuch free,
John 8. 34, 36. who were by ſin faſt bound.

XXXIX.

Then came again, *Judas* amain,
with all his curſed crew,
*Mat.*26.47. Who went moſt ſtrong, and he among,
that he his Lord might ſhew.

XL.

The way was fine, he gave a ſign:
what was the ſign but this,
*Mat.*26.48. He hail did ſay, and did betray
him, with a wicked kiſs.

XLI.

This Companies authority,
*Mat.*26.47. they had from Hypocrits;
John 18. 3. Thought they were ſtrong, *Judas* among,
and on they came with lights.

XLII.

But 'laſs, poor men, if Chriſt had then
unto his Father pray'd,
*Mat.*26.53. How ſoon he might, even that ſame night,
Angels have had for aid.

XLIII.

But this was done, on God the Son,
*Mat.*26.56. the Scriptures to fulfil;

That

That none of thoſe, that God had choſe, *Mat.* 26,
might ſuffer Death or Hell. 56.

XLIV.

Behold how all, whom Chriſt did call,
Diſciples for to be,
Away did make, and him forſake, *Mat.*26.56.
when they began to ſee.

XLV.

Their Lo rd was took; they him forſook
when their Shepherd was ſmitten
The Sheep did flee away from hee, *Zach.* 13.7.
for fear they ſhould be bitten.

XLVI.

When theſe were fled, away they led
the Lord unto the Priſon; *Mat.*26.56,
And many th'are, that did appear, 57.
againſt him now w'are riſen. *Iſa.* 53. 8.

XLVII.

O what a rout, was there about
this dear and precious Lord; *Lnke* 23. 1;
They did abuſe, and him accuſe 2, 11, 65.
of things which he abhorr'd.

XLVIII.

This wicked rout, they were ſo ſtout,
more liker beaſts than men.
Theſe barking dogs, did caſt their bogs *Pſal.* 22. 12,
even at the Lord of Heaven. 16.

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Pſal. 22.12, 13. The Bulls did gore, and Lions roar,
as is ſaid in the Pſalm;

Mat. 26.67. Yea theſe were thoſe moſt dreadful foes,
that ſmote him with the Palm.

L.

Theſe men were they, as Scripture ſay,
that did ſpit on his face;
That did him ſtrip, and alſo whip;
theſe men were they ſo baſe.

LI.

Luk. 23.1,7. Obſerve this thing; they led this King
before poor earthly men,
Who, 'fore had been, even until then,
at enmity; but when

LII.

This they did ſee, they did agree
againſt this bleſſed Lord:

Luk. 23. 8. That ſo they might thus vend their ſpight,
and to the Jews afford

LIII.

What help they could; ſo much as would
diſpatch him out o'th way.
The Jews pretend they had good end,
and therefore they did ſay,

LIV.

We have a Law, and by this Law,

Joh. 19.7. this Man he ought to die,

But they were falſe, Witneſſes falſe; *Mat.*26.60.
and did moſt falſly lie:

LV.

For *Pilate* then, the worſt of men,
did then moſt clearly ſee,
They vehemently, out of envy, *Mat.*27.18.
did this; that *Chriſt* might die.

LVI.

Therefore he would, if Water could,
his guilt have waſh'd away.
But Blood was ſpilt, therefore the guilt *Mat.*24.24.
it ſtill on him did ſtay.

LVII.

His ſin and ſtain, do ſtill remain;
they ſtand upon Record:
'Tis charg'd on him, amongſt all them *Mar.*15.15.
that crucifi'd their Lord.

LVIII.

But now let us, conſider thus,
What did become of him,
Who had *Chriſt* ſold, the Money told,
he that was Guid to them

LIX.

Who did all this ſad wickedneſs?
this Wretch did now repent,
And brought again the price with pain, *Mat.* 27. 3.
but was not penitent.

LX. He

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He then into deſpair did go,
where he began to ſink;
And then how he ſhould freed be,
too late began to think.

LXI.

From his ſad pain which came amain,
Mat. 27. 5. he then his Life diſpatch'd;
Act. 1. 18. But head-long fell, he into Hell,
his Soul the Devil catch'd.

LXII.

Let Hypocrites, falſe hearted Wights,
ſeriouſly on this think,
And warning take, by this that make
Judas his Name to ſtink.

LXIII.

Now turn to thoſe, his other foes,
who did him ſet at nought;
Luk. 23. 11. And take a view as Scriptures ſhew
of them who had Chriſt bought.

LXIV.

The Soldiers then, thoſe wretched men,
this precious Lord did take
Mat. 27. 27, Into the Hall, common for all,
28, 29. at him their ſport to make.

LXV.

They ſtripped him, and put on him
a Scarlet Robe, and when

They'd

They'd made a Crown ('twas made of
and on him they put it then, thorn.)

LXVI.

And mockingly and ſcoffingly,
they then did bow the knee;
O wicked thing, they mock'd this King,
Who yet their Judge muſt be.

LXVII.

Yea, him they ſmote, but he did not
at all reſiſt again,
But patiently he paſt it by, *Iſa.* 53. 7.
And under-went his pain.

LXVIII.

And then they led him to be bled,
unto a place moſt vile;
A place of Scull, ſome think 'twas full *Mat.* 27. 33.
of dead mens bones the while.

LXIX.

They ſtripped him, and hanged him,
there up upon the Croſs;
They parted then his Garments, when *Mat.* 27. 35.
this Lord did ſuffer loſs.

LXX.

Behold what ſhame, yea, and what blame
they then did caſt on him;
'Twas numbred then, with wicked men, *Mat.* 27. 38.
they numbred him with them.

LXXI.

They pierc'd his Hands at mens commands,
yea, and his Feet did they
Pſal. 22.16. Nail to the Tree, ſome it did ſee,
that ſo they might him ſlay.

LXXII.

Theſe men they mockt, and alſo ſcoft
at him, they did deride;
Mat. 27.39. Some were ſo mad; their Heads they wag'd,
John 19.34. one pierc'd his precious ſide.

LXXIII.

This being done, let's now look on,
into the inward ſide;
For to eſpy the Myſtery
let us not here abide.

LXXIV.

Let us not lay too much on they
who crucified him thus;
But let's enlarge this dreadful charge,
and bring it home to us.

LXXV.

Our ſins were they, our ſins we ſay,
that on this Lord did lie;
Yea, they were they, that did him ſlay,
that did him crucifie.

LXXVI.

Our ſins we ſay; yea they were they,
Iſa. 53.5, 6. which were the Crown of Thorns;

Th' were

Th' were they, that bruis'd and him a- *Iſa.* 53. 5.
and caus'd moſt dreadful groans. (bus'd, 6.

LXXVII.

They pierc'd his Side, the Wound was wide,
ſo as the Blood did run,
For us his foes; for we were thoſe,
who were by ſin undone.

LXXVIII.

Sinners 'gainſt thee, O Lord were we,
moſt filthy in thy ſight,
And muſt have lain, even under pain,
in dreadful helliſh plight.

LXXIX.

For Lord 'tis clear, by ſin we were;
in wretched helpleſs caſe; *Pſal.* 89. 19.
We had no aid, but help was laid, 2 *Cor.* 5. 21.
on Chriſt to give us eaſe.

LXXX.

We muſt have ſank, had not he drank,
that ſowr bitter Cup;
That bitter Gall, we that did fall, *Mat.* 26.
ſhould have no more got up. 42.

LXXXI.

But thou, Oh Lord, didſt Grace afford;
thou didſt thy favour lend,
To take away our gulilt that lay,
thus did'ſt thou condeſcend.

LXXXII.

2 *Cor.*5.21. To lay't upon thy only Son,
thy only Son moſt dear,
That we might be from ſin made free,
and he our guilt might bear.

LXXXIII.

That he might die to ſatisfie,
the juſtice of our God,
That ſo poor we, might freed be,
from ſins eternal rod.

LXXXIV.

We were unlike, and had diſſike,
Lord of thy Majeſty;
*Rom.*8.7. Within our hearts and inward parts,
was dreadful enmity.

LXXXV.

So that we would not, no, nor could
have turned unto thee;
But Chriſt did lay, his Life to ſtay
this enmity that we,

LXXXVI.

Who were unjuſt; but Chriſt moſt juſt
did feel the ſmarting rod,
1 *Pet.*3.18. Which made him cry, yea, and did die
to bring us unto God.

LXXXVII.

O bleſſed ſight, which ſhine moſt bright,
To ſee a broken Saviour;

Who

Who paid his blood, even unto God,
to bring us into favour.

LXXXVIII.

We that by ſin, which dwells within,
moſt dreadfully did ſtink;
And muſt have lain, in Hell with pain, *Pſal.* 38. 3.
we were upon it's brink.

LXXXIX.

But Chriſt that Box, that Spikenard Box,
did break, and its perfume
Did ſend on high, above the Sky, *Mar.* 14. 3.
our ſtink for to conſume.

XC.

This Odour then, it filled Heaven
with ſuch a fragant ſmell,
As never did aſcend to God, *Eph.* 5. 2.
that pleaſed him ſo well.

XCI.

And Earth below, ſome it doth know,
it was perfum'd ſo well,
That ſcent did draw from Satans Law,
'twas ſuch attractive ſmell.

XCII.

And they that know, will tell us now,
it is the beſt perfume
That ever we did ſmell or ſee,
its vertue ne'r conſume.

XCIII.

No, though 'tis long, ſince that among
poor men this Box did break;
It's ſweet remains, and many gain,
yea, ſtill it Saints doth make.

XCIV.

And ſome of all, both great and ſmall,
of ſinners that were chief;
1 Tim. 1. 15. It hath perfum'd, their luſts conſum'd;
Luk. 23. 43. of which one was the chief.

XCV.

And all that dwell on earth, and ſmell
the ſweetneſs of this ſavour,
It makes alive, their ſouls, and thrive;
it brings them into favour.

XCVI.

O taſte and ſee, Chriſt on the tree,
oh ſoul, and do not ſtarve;
Though all be ſpent, Chriſt he was ſent,
and he his fleſh did carve.

XCVII.

John 6. 50. Which to the dead is meat indeed,
to 59. his blood is alſo drink,
To thoſe that eat his fleſh for meat,
and of his blood do drink.

XCVIII.

This bread is good, 'tis that of God
which down from heaven did come:

And

And all that eat the ſame for meat;
in heaven ſhall have a room.

XCIX.

And ſhall not die eternally;
but live with Chriſt for aye;
Dwelling in him, and he in them,
and never die away.

C.

Oh take a view, as Scripture ſhew
of Jeſus on the Croſs,
How he did bleed; we might be freed
from everlaſting loſs.

CI.

The Caſe was this, the Lord of Bliſs
for ſinners was oppreſt!
Which made him cry amazingly, *Mat.* 27.50.
and yielded up the Ghoſt.

CII.

O Myſtery, that Chriſt ſhould die,
he was the Lord of life,
But ſubject was, through death did paſs,
for his dear Spouſe, his Wife.

CIII.

What's all this done, O hearts of Stone,
that we cannot relent,
Oh ſenſeleſs blocks, look to the rocks,
which at this thing were rent. *Mat.* 27.51.

CIV.

Christ's blood did gush, the heavens did (blush
yea and the earth did quake;
*Mar.*15.33. The Sun with-drew his light from view,
what work this thing did make.

CV.

'Twas not for they; but us, we say
that this our Lord did die:
Heb. 5. 7. Oh let's relent now, and repent,
of that which made him cry.

CVI.

All this was done, on God the Son,
the Scriptures to fulfil;
John 19.36. But nothing more, than what before
was written as God's will.

CVII.

And two great men, appeared then,
their loves to Christ to shew;
Who then was dead: 'Twas love indeed,
of which let's take a view.

CVIII.

The one, behold, he was so bold,
his courage was so brave,
He went unto *Pilate*, that so
Christ's Body he might crave.

CIX.

He Linnen bought, the other brought
John 19.39. in weight an hundred pound

Of ſweet Perfume; it to perfume,
and it in Linnen wound.

CX.

A Tomb was hewn, they laid him down,
to ſhew that he was dead;
To ſhew that ſin was buried in *Mar.15.46.*
that grave in very deed.

CXI.

Death to conſume, our Graves perfume,
and ſweeten them for us;
Thus Chriſt our aid, in Grave was laid,
and him they buried thus.

CXII.

And now behold, the Jews moſt bold,
while in the Grave he lay,
Yea come and look, what pains they took,
even on the Sabbath-day.

CXIII.

When this was done, they ſeal'd the Stone, *Mat.27.62.*
and ſet a Watch thereby; *to end.*
This Sacrifice he might not riſe,
but in Sepulchre lie.

CXIV.

But when he had lain under the pain
of Death th'appointed hour;
The Angels then, came down from heav'n,
the Watchmen had no power.

CXV. The

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The Earth did quake, thoſe men did ſhake,
when Angels did appear;
Thoſe men they did become as dead,
th' were overcome with fear.

CXVI.

The Angels then, that came from Heav'n,
did roll away the ſtone;
He that was dead, was quickened,
for then his work was done.

CXVII.

Yea up he roſe, in ſpight of foes
and came forth out the grave;
Acts 2. 24. He loos'd its pain, and roſe again,
that he might victory have.

CXVIII.

He Victory hath now over Death,
and over Sin and Hell.
For ſome of thoſe, who were his foes,
who here on Earth do dwell.

CXIX.

And it is clear, he did appear
to be the Son of God;
Rom. 1. 4. And that with pow'r, in that ſame hour,
he not in grave abode.

CXX.

And many they, the Saints that lay
in Graves until that hour;

Their

heir bodies roſe, in ſpite of foes; *Mat.* 27. 52,
and that by Chriſt his pow'r. 53.

CXXI.

hen Death its ſtrength, yea, and its ſting,
was broke and took away,
ully for thoſe, whom God hath choſe, 1 *Cor.* 15.
though here in graves they lay. 55, 56, 57.

CXXII.

ll they ſhall riſe, and then ſhall prize
their Reſurrection from
heir Graves; for then, they are for heav'n *Phil.* 3. 21.
in likeneſs of Chriſts form.

CXXIII.

hat Jeſus Chriſt, our great High Prieſt,
did riſe, is very clear;
or this behold, the Angels told *Mat.* 18. 6.
the Women that were there.

CXXIV.

came to paſs, that of *Cephas*,
then of the Twelve was ſeen:
ea he alive of Hundreds five 1 *Cor.* 15. 5,
at once then was he ſeen. 6.

CXXV.

hen *James* and all, both great and ſmall, 1 *Cor.* 15.
th' Apoſtles did him ſee, 57.
ea *Thomas* knew, when Chriſt did ſhew *John* 21. 27,
his wounds, that it was h. 28.

CXXVI. In

CXXVI.

In forty days he ſhew'd his ways,
To his he gave commands,
Act. 1. 3,4. How for to ſteer, his Kingdom here,
then lifting up his Hands,

CXXVII.

He them did bliſs, and promis'd this,
Luke 24.49, that to them he would ſend
50. The Comforter; to his Father
he ſtrait-way did aſcend.

CXXVIII.

Then Chriſt alive, did lead captive
his Enemies and Foes;
Eph. 4. 8. He victory have, and gifts he gave,
to them whom he had choſe,

CXXIX.

He now poſſeſs Glory and Bliſs,
Heb. 10. 12. the Fathers right Hand by;
chap. 6. 20. His gone before to ope the door,
for thoſe whom he did die.

CXXX.

John 14. 3. He now prepare, for his moſt dear,
chap. 17. 24. in Heaven, a glorious place,
1 *Theſ.* 4, 17. Where they ſhall be from ſin ſet free,
1 *Cor.* 13. and ſee his glorious Face.
12.

CXXXI.

He that was dead, is quickened,
and lives for evermore;

The Keys he hath of Hell and Death, *Rev.* 1. 18.
he ever lives therefore.

CXXXII.

To plead for thoſe, whom he hath choſe,
the virtue of his Blood,
Doth for them plead and intercede, *Heb.* 7. 25.
there with the mighty God.

CXXXIII.

Chriſt able is to ſave all his;
They'r ever in his Hands:
He ever live, and anſwers give,
to Juſtice its demands. *Joh.* 10. 28.

CXXXIV.

He doth appear for his moſt dear, *Heb.* 10. 12,
their cauſe for to maintain, 13.
Againſt all thoſe who are their foes; *Acts* 3. 20,
in Heaven he doth remain. 21.

CXXXV. *Luke* 21. 27.

He there reſide, and ſhall abide
till the appointed hour,
And then again he comes amain,
with glory and with power.

CXXXVI.

With Angels ſtrong, and Saints among,
his Spouſe he'll then imbrace, *Mat.* 25. 31.
And will compleat that marriage great,
which is begun through Grace. *Rev.* 19. 7, 8.

CXXXVII.

Rev. 19. 9. O happy they, that keep his way;
1 *Theſ.* 4. 16. and ready ſhall be found;
They ſhall have Life and be his Wife,
when that the Trumpet ſound.

CXXXVIII.

They ſhall rejoyce, the Bridegrooms voice
will make their hearts to cheer;
They ſhall be glad, yea, and be clad,
with Garments coſt him dear.

CXXXIX.

Then all mourning, in that morning
of that great Wedding-day.
Shall ceaſe with them that are with him
and ever flee away.

CXL.

For Chriſt will then in ſpight of Men,
from Shame to Glory riſe,
Rev. 19. 1, 5, 5, 6. His for to ſing to him their King,
his everlaſting praiſe.

CXLI.

But wo to thoſe, who him oppoſe,
would not that he ſhould reign,
Luke 19. 27. Who are ſo ſtout to ſtand it out,
till he appear again.

CXLII.

They will be ſought, yea, and be brought
before this dreadful Lord;

nd there be ſlain, that to their pain,
according to his Word.

CXLIII.

The Ignorant, Diſobedient;
who do his Grace refuſe,
When offered and tendered, -- -- -- -- 2 *Theſ.* 1.8.
who ſinful luſt doth chuſe.

CXLIV.

Then wo to them who hated him;
and perſecuted thoſe 2 *Theſ.* 1.6.
Whom he doth love, who are his dove,
his Church whom he hath chuſe,

CXLV.

Yea, wo to ſuch, who ſinned much;
in ſcoffing at his Word; 2 *Pet.* 3.3,4.
Thoſe wicked men, will find it then;
T'was true of this our Lord.

CXLVI.

To Hypocrites, falſe hearted Wights,
yea, wo to ſuch as they,
Who 'gan to ſay, that he doth ſtay, *Mat.* 24.48,
his coming he'll delay. *to end.*

CXLVII.

Yea, wo to all both great and ſmall,
who naked ſhall be found;
Who then muſt ſtand, at his left Hand,
Yea, and muſt there be bound.

CXLVIII. And

CXLVIII.

And ſent apace, unto their place,
whence they ſhall not return;
But under Chains, and endleſs Pains,
there muſt they lie and burn.

CXLIX.

More I might ſay, of Judgment day,
but this is done before,
One book it ſpake ſo much, I brake
off this diſcourſe therefore.

CL.

If you would look upon that Book,
'tis call'd, *The day of doom.*
It's worth is ſuch, it ſpake ſo much,
for me it leaves no room.

A ſhort Application.

CLI.

1. NOw unto all, both great and ſmall,
who here on Earth do dwell;
That come to ſee theſe lines, I thee
do pray conſider well.

CLII.

2. Theſe things are ſuch, they very much
concern both thee and me;
They us might teach; at leaſt will reach,
our cauſe what e'er it be.

Da

CLIII.

3. If the darkneſs yea and weakneſs
of my heart, head, and pen,
Do not now ſhade, and make to fade
Truth's glory herein; when

CLIV.

4. You come to ſee poor ſinful me,
how darkly I have ſhown,
Theſe precious things; which ſweetneſs
to thoſe to whom they're known. (brings

CLV.

5. Then this I ſay, theſe things they may
reach thee and me and all;
Firſt, if thou be'ſt one of the beſt,
a Saint, brought out of thrall.

CLVI.

6. Oh matchleſs Grace, which flows apace
from God through Chriſt to thee;
Oh comfort take, in Chriſt, who make
of Sinners, Saints to be.

CLVII.

7. Oh Soul rejoyce; thou art the choice
of God in Chriſt above;
Oh bleſſed thing, that bleſſed King
have wrapt thee up in love.

CLVIII.

8. Thy ſtate is good, oh Child of God,
it never ſhall be evil:
The beat'n, hated, perſecuted,
though tempted of the Devil.

CLIX.

Isa. 63. 9. 9. Christ felt a part of all the smart
Judg. 10. 16. that here thou meet'st withal;
Zech. 2. 8. It shall not last, thou shalt at last
be free'd from it all.

CLX.

10. Though thou be'st now, so dark as thou
Isa. 50. 10. canst not discern the light;
The light will shine, for Christ is thine;
this thou shalt see, most bright.

CLXI.

11. When once the Sun shall rise upon
thy Soul, and there do shine;
Then shalt thou see Christ dy'd for thee;
that he and all is thine.

CLXII.

12. For Christ, most dear, till he appear,
now hope and wait for him:
Isa. 28. 16. Do not time waste, nor make not haste;
but wait it out with them.

CLXIII.

13. Who do believe, whom Christ reprieve,
from enemies and foes;
Who all shall be, by him made free
from miseries and woes.

CLXIV.

14. Now if Christ dwell in thee 'tis well;
oh soul 'tis not amiss
Eph. 3. 17. To search and try, to satisfie
thy self, O soul, in this.

CLXV. 15.

CLXV.

15. If thou be'ſt he who would be free
from all miſtakes herein,
Then ſearch thy heart and inward part,
if Chriſt do dwell therein.

CLXVI.

16. Do'ſt hate thy ſin, that dwell therein,
becauſe 'tis againſt God?
Do'ſt thou therefore labour the more *Rom. 7. 15.*
therein not to abod? *Pſal. 51. 4.*

CLXVII.

17. The God above his Word do'ſt love,
becauſe 'tis very pure?
Is't thy delight, both day and night, *Pſal. 119.*
of this art very ſure?

CLXVIII. *Rom. 7. 23.*

18. Do'ſt feel and find in heart and mind
the clearer thou do'ſt ſee
Thy Evidence? Do'ſt labour hence *2 Cor. 6. 17.*
the holier to be? *18. 7. 1.*

CLXIX.

19. That Chriſt ſhould rule within thy ſoul,
this is thy liberty; *2 Cor. 3. 17.*
That Sin ſhould be yet within thee, *Rom. 7. 23.*
is this Captivity?

CLXX.

20. Art one of thoſe, who is ſin's foes?
Do'ſt hate it worſe than Hell?
Then ſure 'tis that hope there is,
that Chriſt in thee do dwell

CLXXI.

21. And now let us, consider thus,
What cause thou hast to prize
What God, his Son, for thee hath done,
in causing thee to rise

CLXXII.

22. Up out of thrall; where thou didst fall
by Sin and Satan too:
But now art rais'd, the Lord be prais'd,
who saveth thee from wo.

CLXXIII.

23. Oh praises give, and praises live;
oh lead an holy life,
2 Tim. 2. 11, 12, 14. Like unto those, whom Christ have chose
to be his Spouse, his Wife.

CLXXIV.

24. 'Tis all that he, acccepts from thee,
that holy thou should'st live:
Rev. 2. 9. That thou should'st shew his praises now;
and to him glory give.

CLXXV.

25. Great reason 'tis, thou should'st be his
in heart and life and all:
For he did die, thou might'st not lie
in Sin, in Hell, and thrall.

CLXXVI.

26. Now unto those, who yet are foes,
who still remain in sin;
I speak to thee, exhorted be,
awake, awake, come in.

CLXXVII.

27. Accept of Grace, which flows apace
to ſome o'the worſt of men,
From God above, through Chriſt in love, *Iſa.* 55. 7.
whatever thou haſt been.

CLXXVIII.

28. Come now believe; for Chriſt reprieve
ſuch ſouls from Death and Hell.
And life he'll give, and they ſhall live;
ye, with him they ſhall dwell.

CLXXIX.

29. Oh come by faith, the Scripture ſaith,
that they ſhall not be blam'd; *Eph.* 1. 4.
That they ſhall not, no not one jot, *Rom.* 10. 11.
at laſt be made aſham'd.

CLXXX.

30. Oh that I knew, what more to ſhew,
or further for to ſay,
That might perſwade, thou might'ſt be
no longer to delay. (made.

CLXXXI.

31. Chriſt he doth ſtand, and hold his hand
of Grace out unto thee; *John* 7. 37.
He calls and cry, Why will ye die? *Ezek.* 33. 11.
oh ſoul turn unto me.

CLXXXII.

32. Chriſt, willing is, thou ſhould'ſt be his;
he'll take away thy guilt;
He'll free thee from the wrath to come, *John* 5. 40.
if come to him thou wilt. 1 *Theſ.* 1. 10.

CLXXXIII.

33. Oh come I ſay, Oh come away,
believe in God his Son;
Believe with heart and take apart,
of all that Chriſt have done.

CLXXXIV.

34. Believe, and then thou ſhalt have Hea'n
1 *Theſ.* 3, 13. there thou ſhalt have a room:
When Chriſt moſt dear, again appear,
then with him thou ſhalt come.

CLXXXV.

35. Thy bones revive, if not ſurvive,
and live until that day,
1 *Theſ.* 4. 16, 17. But if thou do'ſt, then up thou go'ſt,
and meet with him I ſay.

CLXXXVI.

36. Then ſhalt thou be, ever with he,
when Heav'n and all is thine:
1 *Theſ.* 4. 17. There ſhalt thou dwell, all will be well,
with Angels ſhalt thou ſhine.

CLXXXVII.

37. For Chriſt will ſay; ev'n in that day,
Oh come and take thy Crown;
Mat. 25. 34. Come and poſſeſs thy Happineſs,
the Kingdom is thy own.

CLXXXVIII.

38. But if thy ſin, which dwell within,
thou be'ſt reſolv'd to have,
And wilt delight both day and night,
in ſin, till at thy grave.

CLXXXIX. 39. Oh

CLXXXIX.

39. Oh what excuſe, for thy abuſe,
of Grace wilt have to make?
Oh wilt thou die eternally,
and warning never take.

CXC.

40. Conſider well, the damn'd in Hell,
and what they ſuffer there;
They weep, they wail, their hearts do fail, *Mat.* 22. 13.
as Scriptures make appear.

CXCI.

41. Their Teeth they gnaſh, in thoughts of
for which their Souls were loſt; (traſh,
That Sin did chuſe, and Chriſt refuſe,
they find it to their coſt.

CXCII.

42. They are helpleſs, who can expreſs,
one thouſand part o'th wo,
That they do find in heart and mind, *Iſa.* 66. 24.
who into Hell do go.

CXCIII.

43. What Tongues of Men, or Angels Pen,
can ſhew the ſtate of thoſe,
Who live and die in ſin, and lie *Rev.* 14. 10,
in miſery and woes. 11.

CXCIV.

44. Now this I ſay, the only way,
for to eſcape that place,
Is to awake, and warning take, *Iſa.* 27. 4, 5.
and come to Chriſt for Grace. 45. 22, 24.

CXCV. 45. Awake,

CXCV.

Acts 4. 12. 45. Awake, I ſay, do not delay,
it is the great concern,
Mat. 11. 29. Thou haſt to mind, Grace for to find;
oh come to Chriſt and learn.

CXCVI.

46. He is the way, where Sinners may
paſs through from Earth to Heav'n;
Joh. 14. 6. Oh leave thy Sin, oh Soul come in,
happy ſhalt thou be then.

CXCVII.

47. His Grace is free, to ſuch as thee,
whatever thou haſt been;
Rom. 3. 23, 24. If thou do'ſt now, Repentance ſhew,
Acts 3. 19. and do'ſt by Faith come in.

CXCVIII.

48. Come in this hour to Chriſt for pow'r,
that ſo thou may'ſt repent,
Heb. 4. 7. And hate thy ſin that dwells within,
and may'ſt be penitent.

CXCIX.

49. Oh haſte and cry, thou may'ſt not die,
Acts 5. 31. oh plead with Chriſt to give
2 Cor. 5. 17. Repentance true, thou may'ſt be new
and with him ever live.

CC.

50. Pray God above, extend his love,
to thee and me and all,
That come to ſee theſe lines; that we,
may hearken to his call.

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